

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above-presented claim amendments.

Applicant also includes a further Rule 132 Declaration.

The amended claims are presented in effort to expedite patent prosecution, but without prejudice to the filing of a continuation or such other application, as may be deemed appropriate or necessary, to adequately assure Applicant's intellectual property protection.

The Examiner may have reconsidered and withdrawn reliance on a secondary reference, JP-A-06-93070, and it is understood that remarks concerning such reference in the recently filed papers were presented only as a precautionary measure and without prejudice.

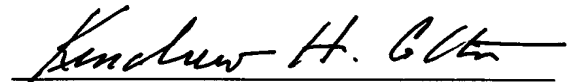
New claims 30-39 find support in the originally filed specification at page 9, lines 1-2, page 10, lines 16-17, page 15 (Table 1), page 16 (Table 2), and elsewhere.

Applicant earnestly, but respectfully, submits the claims presented herein define novel, unobvious inventions over the cited references, to the extent such references remain applied. Even if, *arguendo*, the Examiner believes that there was a *prima facie* case of obviousness, which Applicant does not concede, then the Declaration evidence now of record is deemed an effective rebuttal.

Applicant earnestly, but respectfully, solicits a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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